

Let's Play on the Playgrounds!



Playground renovations have recently been completed in six Arlington Parks. Playgrounds at College Hills, Clarence Thompson, George Stevens, Gibbins, Vandergriff, and Dunlop Park playgrounds were all identified by City staff as priority for replacement in 2004. Each of these park's playgrounds were totally removed and replaced with new, innovative and challenging equipment. Landscaping, stained concrete, benches, and drinking fountains were also a part of the playground renovation.

All of the projects, with the exception of Dunlop Park, were funded from the 1997 bond program. The Dunlop Park playground replacement was a cooperative agreement between the City of Arlington and the Sunrise Rotary Club. The City contributed \$100,000 and the Rotary matched the City's funds for the purchase of the equipment. On September 28, 2005, over 300 Arlington citizen volunteers worked for five days to build the new playground.

Above, the Creative Playground at JW Dunlop Sports Center. Below, a newly constructed playground at Gibbins Park.



It's More Than Just a Game



There is something about the game of baseball that lights up a child's eyes. It is an experience every child deserves and the City of Arlington Parks and Recreation Department is working on granting that very wish. Construction will begin soon on Arlington's very first baseball field designed exclusively for children with disabilities.

This project is a result of a partnership between the Miracle League of Dallas/Fort Worth and the City of Arlington Parks and Recreation Department. The City has contributed \$60,000 and Miracle League of DFW has raised over \$300,000 in private contributions to pay for the ballfield design and construction costs. All the hard work from both entities has paid off. Construction began in January 2006 and is expected to be complete for the start of the inaugural season in April.

This field is different than a traditional baseball field. This facility will be constructed with a custom synthetic material designed to accommodate wheel chairs and other ambulatory devices.

Opening day is scheduled for April 21, 2006 and is expected to draw players from all over the greater Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex. The field is located at Randol Mill Park in the northeast corner of the site.

As stated on their website, "The Miracle Fields of DFW's mission is to provide an opportunity for children with mental and/or physical challenges to play baseball as a team member in an organized league." If you would like more information about the Miracle League Foundation, their leagues or how to volunteer for their organization, you can visit their website at www.mldfw.org.



COMING SOON -

Dixon Holman

1997 Bond Funds are being used to develop this heavily wooded park in northeast Arlington. A neighborhood meeting was held in November to develop a program for this park. It was decided that much of this park would be preserved in its natural state. Hard and soft surface walking trails, interpretive signage, benches, a playground, a pavilion and native landscaping will be the focal elements in the part of the park to be developed.



For more information regarding to this park, please contact Joe Pack, Park Planner, at 817-459-5489.



Fish Creek Park

The design of a new neighborhood park located in southeast Arlington along Fish Creek is ready to begin. A public input meeting was held in January to gather input from the neighborhood. The park is situated next to Bryant Elementary and Fish Creek linear park. Residents and park staff agreed that creating a park design that ties the school, the linear park and the neighborhood together is an important objective and will greatly enhance the surrounding neighborhood. Construction of the park is planned to begin this summer.



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Howard Moore

Community Development Block Grant Funds in the amount of \$345,000 were awarded in 2005 for renovations currently taking place in Howard Moore park. The tennis court, playground and shelter are being completely renovated. New walking trail, trash receptacles, drinking fountain and parking lot renovations are being provided. The project is expected to be complete in March.



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New Dog Park

Planning for Arlington's first dog park is underway! A citizen input meeting was held in November 2005. Comments from the meeting will provide vital information for the master plan of the facility. The site, located in southeast Arlington on Green Oaks Blvd., not only includes the new dog park, but will also be the home of the new Animal Services Building. Construction of the dog park is scheduled to begin this summer.



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